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SUBJECT: MEMO FROM PRESIDENT ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, TEXT OF JUNE 13, 1981 MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHERS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

CONSUMMATION OF THE SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA OF F-15 ENHANCEMENT AND AERIAL SURVEILLANCE (AWACS) ITEMS IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS, THEREFORE, A MATTER OF HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR THIS ADMINISTRATION. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, AND TO UNDERSCORE ITS IMPORTANCE, I HAVE DESIGNATED RICHARD V. ALLEN, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, TO COORDINATE AND DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION EFFORT TO OBTAIN LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THIS SALE.

IN CARRYING OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY, MR. ALLEN WILL CHAIR A COORDINATING GROUP, COMPOSED OF THE SENIOR PROJECT

OFFICERS FROM EACH DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT, AND WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE. HE WILL REPORT TO ME THROUGH MY WHITE HOUSE LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY GROUP CO-CHAIRED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT.

I ASK EACH OF THE ADDRESSEES TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THIS EFFORT AND TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS TASK.

END TEXT; STOESSEL